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SUBJECT: VISIT OF GM GROUP

1. GENERAL MOTORS GROUP INCLUDING DEPUTY PROGRAM AND PROJECT MANAGER ANDREW STRUPP PLANS TO VISIT BELGRADE, ZAGREB AND KIKINDA IN JUNE, PROBABLY DURING FIRST HALF OF MONTH. MEMBERS OF GROUP WILL ALSO INCLUDE OTHER GM PLANNING AND PROJECT OFFICIALS FROM NEW YORK AND AUSTRIA AND OPEL OFFICIALS FROM GERMANY.

2. ACCORDING TO STRUPP, GM HAS A LONG-TERM AGREEMENT WITH KIKINDA IRON FOUNDRY FOR THE PURCHASE OF CASTINGS USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF OPEL AUTOMOBILES. THIS AGREEMENT IS DUE TO EXPIRE IN 1976. GM VISIT WILL INCLUDE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT EXTENSION OF THIS CONTRACT AND "KIKINDA'S REQUEST FOR INVESTMENT OF ABOUT \$2 MILLION TO TRIPLE ITS PRODUCTION." THE GM GROUP HOPES TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL FACETS OF SUCH AN INVESTMENT (E.G., POSSIBILITY OF CO-PRODUCTION CONTRACT) WITH THE AMBASSADOR AND ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICIALS DURING ITS JUNE VISIT.

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3. SPECIFIC DETAILS ON TIMES OF ARRIVAL IN BELGRADE AND

ZAGREB AND DATES OF VISIT WILL BE CABLED WHEN SCHEDULE
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